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1. On 31 March 1952, no flying was observed over Zerbst airfield from the town. Between 3 and 5 p.m. on 1 April, swept-back jet fighters were observed flying from the town. Between 9:30 and 10 a.m. on 2 April, 6 swept-back jet fighters were observed southwest of the western end of the runway, and 3 such planes were observed in front of the hangars. The aircraft dispersal areas along the eastern edge of the installation could not be observed. Visibility was about 2 km, and there was a 6/10 overcast at an altitude of about 300 meters. At 9:30 a.m. three jet fighters took off in such a way that the second plane took off when the first one had reached the middle of the runway. At 9:40 a.m. two swept-back jet fighters [redacted] without auxiliary fuel tanks landed in short succession. Three such jet fighters fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks landed at 9:57 a.m. Source observed from Zerbst that flying by swept-back jet fighters continued until 6 p.m.
2. Between 3 and 6 p.m. on 5 April, five swept-back jet fighters were observed southwest of the western end of the runway, 4 in front of the hangars and 9 north of the eastern end of the runway. There was no flying. However, between 9 a.m. and noon and from 7 to 11 p.m., source observed swept-back jet fighters aloft from Zerbst. Between 7 and 11 p.m. on 6 April, source observed flying by jet fighters from the town.
3. Aircraft observed at the field between 5:30 and 7 p.m. on 9 April included 5 swept-back jet fighters southwest of the western end of the runway, 1 in front of the hangars and 15 north of the eastern end of the runway. At 7 p.m., four swept-back jet fighters fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks took off individually. [redacted] Flying by jet fighters continued until 11 p.m. Between 9 a.m. and noon on 10 April, flying by swept-back jet fighters was observed from Zerbst. Between 9 and 11 a.m. on 11 April, the aircraft seen at the field were parked in the same way as on 9 April. There was no flying in the morning. However, flying by swept-back jet fighters was observed from the town between 7 and 10 p.m. \*

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\* Comment. The report confirms that Zerbst airfield is occupied by jet fighters. information furnished by another source, it is inferred that two fighter regiments are located in Zerbst. Most of the aircraft stationed there were probably parked in the hangars during the reported periods of observation. The number of MIG-15s stationed at the field cannot be determined.

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